

Warrant Article #2

Section 2.3.2 B Definitions – Inland Wetlands

“Inland Wetlands” means an area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Examples include, but are not limited to, ponds, rivers and streams.

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Section 2.3.2 E Definitions - Buffer

"Buffer" is the area extending 1) fifty feet (50 ft.) out from 4) the wetland boundary lines, and/or 2) the boundary line of areas of poorly and very poorly drained soils, or 2) one hundred feet (100ft) from the following 1st through 4th order streams, rivers, and tributaries: Ash Brook, Drakes River, Little River, Nilus Brook Old River, Taylor River, Winnicut River. The one hundred foot (100') buffer requirements are as follows:

1. The first 25 feet from the stream or river edge is known as the Vegetated Buffer Strip. In this area, cutting and clearing of vegetation is not permitted unless it is to remove invasive species by hand.
2. Between twenty-five (25) and seventy-five (75) feet is known as the Limited Cut Area. In this area, cutting of live trees with a diameter of four and one-half (4-1/2) inches or less, measured four and one-half (4-1/2) feet above ground level is permitted.
3. The use of fertilizers is prohibited in the first 75' with only low phosphate and low release fertilizers allowed between 75' and 100'.
4. New construction, ground disturbance and fill or removal of soils are not allowed in the first 75' without an approved Town Wetlands Permit.

The buffer is intended to provide a natural vegetative zone between the upland and the wetland for water filtration, storm water retention, flood protection, and wildlife habitat and passage.